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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Mike Flanagan, Chairman 

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week

The State Board of Education is being asked to approve a resolution declaring October 13-17, 2008, as National School Lunch Week.

In 1963, National School Lunch Week was established by a proclamation from President John F. Kennedy. This week has been recognized ever since to raise awareness about the role school nutrition programs play in the lives of America's children. The theme for 2008 is *Vote for School Lunch 2008 – Presidential Edition*. It is a fun way to get students aware and involved in the voting process. The campaign will deliver some important messages about the National School Lunch Program:

School lunches can be a student's favorite dish and be nutritiously prepared at the same time.

- School lunches meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and are served in age appropriate portions.
- Research has shown that school lunches have a superior nutritional content to bag lunches, including more fresh fruits and vegetables.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding *National School Lunch Week, October 13-17, 2008*, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008.

Attachment

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State of Michigan  
State Board of Education  
**RESOLUTION**  
**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**  
October 13-17, 2008

WHEREAS, school districts around the nation will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 13-17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National School Lunch Week, entitled *Vote for School Lunch 2008 – Presidential Edition*, presents an excellent opportunity to promote school lunch programs statewide and to emphasize the importance of child nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for over 60 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has been joined through the years by many other excellent child feeding programs; and there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education recognizes that children who are provided breakfast and lunch daily are better prepared for the classroom environment, being able to focus solely on their learning, rather than a basic biological need; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Michigan communities to understand that education and proper child nutrition go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education continues to recognize and takes great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the daily challenge of providing school lunches to our children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the week of October 13-17, 2008, be recognized as NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK in Michigan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That National School Lunch Week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our state's school lunch food service programs; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.